

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

MICROBEAD-FREE WATERS ACT OF 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 7, 2015

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the Microbead-Free Waters Act.

Microbeads, the small plastic particles contained in many face washes and other cleansing products, too often end up in America's lakes, rivers, and other water sources. In fact, a report last year from New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman found that up to 19 tons of microbeads could find their way into my home state's wastewater stream each year. These particles accumulate pollutants, increasing toxicity of our waters, and pose a threat to fish and other wildlife that ingest plastic.

I commend the many leading companies that voluntarily responded to these concerns by phasing out the use of plastic microbeads in their product lines, including L'Oreal, Unilever, and Avon.

I am pleased Congress acted this week to act on this important issue, with bipartisan legislation that will ban microbeads in personal care products beginning in 2017.

This legislation builds on the momentum from ten states that have passed legislation to ban microbeads—including nine just in 2015. Unlike some proposals that would put in place an unrealistic timeline for implementation, or phase in the restriction years later than H.R. 1321, this federal legislation will grant all parties sufficient time to eliminate microbeads, while ensuring quick action on this growing concern. The Microbead-Free Waters Act will ensure consumers know that the products they use each day will not pollute our precious lakes and rivers.

I urge the Senate to act quickly to pass this legislation, and congratulate Chairman UPTON and Ranking Member PALLONE for their hard work on this important bill.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 10, 2015

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I missed a series of recorded votes on November 30, 2015. Had I been present, I would have voted "YEA" on roll call vote Number 644 and roll call vote Number 645.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ESTHER ORTIZ CARDENAS

HON. WILL HURD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 10, 2015

Mr. HURD of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th birthday of Esther Ortiz Cardenas of Del Rio, Texas.

A beloved mother of 12 children, grandmother of 29 grandchildren, 48 great-grandchildren and 8 great, great grandchildren, Mrs. Cardenas is a woman known for her devout faith, her hard work and her generous hospitality.

Whether it was cooking from scratch, making clothes for the family, tending chickens, creating home-made soap or tending her garden to put food on the table, she always worked hard to ensure her family never wanted for anything.

Knowing that God would always provide, Mrs. Cardenas never hesitated to feed the hungry or help others who were in need. When faced with troubled times, she turned to God, believing in answered prayers.

Surrounded by her family and friends, Mrs. Cardenas celebrated 100 years on November 28th of this year. Mrs. Cardenas is without question, a Proverbs 31 woman—a blessing to her family and her community.

On behalf of the Twenty-Third Congressional District of Texas, congratulations to Esther Ortiz Cardenas on turning 100 years young and may you celebrate many more.

CONGRATULATING THE CRYSTAL CITY HIGH SCHOOL HORNETS FOR THEIR 2015 MISSOURI CLASS 1 GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 10, 2015

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Crystal City High School Hornets for their first place win in the 2015 Class 1 Girls Cross Country State Championship.

This team and their coach should be commended for all of their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community.

I ask you to join me in recognizing the Crystal City Hornets for a job well done.

HONORING D. PATRICK CURLEY

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 10, 2015

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of D. Patrick Curley, who has dedicated

fifty years to the service of our Western New York community.

Mr. Curley was born and raised in Buffalo, New York. After graduating from Canisius High School in 1959, where he was first team all Catholic in tennis, he moved to Boston, where he graduated with an A.B. degree in mathematics from Boston College in 1963. He then returned to Buffalo to pursue an M.S. degree from Canisius College.

He was an instructor at D'Youville and Canisius Colleges, where he lectured in statistics, accounting, and business valuation techniques. Mr. Curley went on to work in banking at Marine Midland, before starting his own business consulting company, St. Lawrence Business Consultants, in 1977.

He remains president of St. Lawrence Business Consultants today, specializing in training seminars, economic development projects, mergers and acquisitions, succession planning, corporate valuations and ESOPs. At St. Lawrence Business Consultants, he became the Washington liaison to Moog, Inc. He has also played a role in statewide economic development, including consulting with New York State's Ownership Transition Services Program and helping to retain more than ten thousand jobs in the state.

As a thirty year management seminar leader, Mr. Curley has conducted more than one hundred seminars throughout the United States with more than 3,000 participants.

He has served on the boards of several New York and international corporations, and is a member of the Industry Trade Advisory Committee (ITAC) under the auspices of the Department of Commerce.

Mr. Curley was a distinguished member of the board of the New York Power Authority from 2007 to 2012. And he was elected to three terms on the Orchard Park Town Board, where he served for 12 years and was regarded as an expert in public finance. He also served as chairman of sewer district #3 and was vice chair of the Southtown Recycling Consortium.

Mr. Curley has served in leadership positions for more than two dozen charitable, civic and philanthropic organizations. He founded the Orchard Park Council of the Arts and was a member of the National Board of Directors of the American Heart Association, Mercy Hospital of Buffalo, and the President's Council of D'Youville College. He served as chairman of the Board of Trustees of Erie County Central Police Services, and director and chairman of the audit committee of a Western New York foundation. The Orchard Park Chamber of Commerce voted him Man of the Year, and he received multiple awards for his service to the American Heart Association.

For forty-six years, Mr. Curley has been a member of the Orchard Park Volunteer Fire Company becoming a life member in 1987. During this time he attended 5,147 emergency and fire calls.

An avid hockey enthusiast, he served as vice chair for the Southtowns YMCA board of managers, where he designed, financed, and

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